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ABOUT U.S. PROPOSED BEEF LEGISLATION; SAYS HE WILL COMPLAIN TO
THE VICE PRESIDENT

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1. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
ANTHONY GAVE NOTICE OF THE GOA'S DEEP CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED
AMERICAN LEGISLATION WHICH COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN BEEF INDUSTRY.

2. ANTHONY SAID THAT IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS
WAS THINKING OF RESTRAINING IMPORTS WHEN BEEF PRICES IN THE
UNITED STATES HAD DOUBLED SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR. ACCORDING
TO ANTHONY, HAD SUCH LEGISLATION BEEN IN EFFECT LAST YEAR,
AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS WOULD HAVE BEEN SLASHED BY 23 PERCENT OR
ABOUT A DOLS 70 MILLION.

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3. ANTHONY CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT AUSTRALIA'S
CONCERN WOULD BE EXPRESSED TO THE AMERICAN VICE
PRESIDENT WHEN HE VISITS CANBERRA ON MONDAY.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY CALLING ON DEPY PRIME
MINISTER AND PRESENTING HIM WITH TALKING PAPER PROVIDING

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT'S OUTLINE OF CURRENT
LEGISLATIVE SITUATION IN REFTEL.
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